Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To Councilmembers and Staff

From Robert R. Williams, Secretary to the Council

Date June 24, 1976

Subject Addition to the Calendar

There will be a Meeting of the Committee on Education, Recretation, and Youth Affairs on Thursday, July 1, 1976. It will be held in Room 503. (10:30)

SPYING CHARGED

Hobson, rights leaders sue FBI

On behalf of City Council member Julius Hobson, and others who charge their civil rights were violated during the 60s by illegal police and FBI surveillance, the American Civil Liberties Union is filing a suit for damages.

The suit asks for damages of $100,000 for each of the individuals. Included in the suit, which asks for $1 million total, are about a dozen local groups and individuals.

Named in the suit are the local branch of the FBI, and the Metropolitan Police Department. Also filing suit are activist Martha Waskow, the Rev. David Eaton of the All Souls Unitarian Church, and Sammie Abbot.

Abbot explained that the suit was supposed to be filed with the District Court last Thursday, but that lawyers have postponed it because the briefs had to be re-written. He did not say why.

In recent months, several suits have been filed as a result of disclosures that Federal agents and local police infiltrated the ranks of anti-war groups and conducted illegal surveillance.

This however, will be the first suit aimed at the disclosed cooperation between local and national investigative forces.

A lawyer for the ACLU, said this case has a more substantial basis.

The lawyer, Anne Pillsbury said the complaining persons and groups have records of buglaries and wire tappings of some of the people who are involved in bringing the suit. "I don't see how we can fail to establish damages," added Pillsbury.

The result of other suits has been the issuance of injunctions, which in effect barred police from additional surveillance.

Hobson filed a bill with the City Council last month that would bar police surveillance of "non-criminal" activities by individuals and groups.

Charged in the suit are violations of and conspiracies to violate the plaintiffs' First and Fourth Amendments rights, and it asks compensatory and unitive damages for the violation of those rights.

However, if the agencies that committed the surveillance are no longer in business, the suit requests that they be compelled to give back the files or any other information gathered on the defendants.

In a recent report, Pillsbury was quoted as saying, "We're not going to pretend that anybody's career ruined. We don't have to prove injury...We're asking at least about $100,000 each," he explained.

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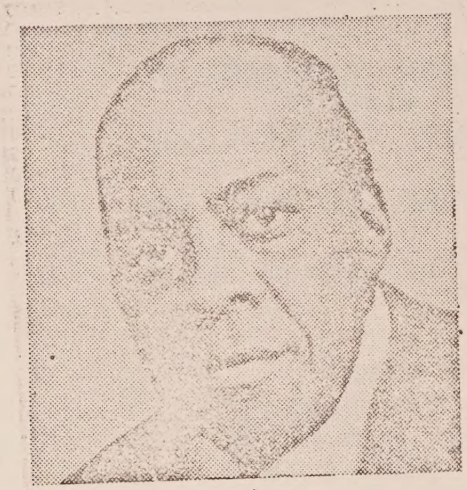

JULIUS HOBSON
Going to court

Hobson, Others Asking for Million From FBI, D.C. Police Spies of '60s

By Philip Shandler
Washington Star Staff Writer

About a dozen Washington groups and individuals — including City Councilman Julius Hobson — are going to court for damages of more than $1 million as compensation for what they allege was illegal spying on them by city police and the FBI during the turbulent 1960s.

A suit will be filed in the next few days in U.S. District Court here by the local branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, an official said.

Several suits have been filed in recent months across the country as a result of disclosures that federal agents and local police infiltrated the ranks of anti-war groups and conducted surveillance — including wiretaps — of individuals the officials targeted in a drive against the so-called New Left during the Vietnam War.

But this will be the first suit aimed at the disclosed cooperation between local and national investigative forces.

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AND THE ACLU believes there is a much more substantial basis for this suit than others for the awarding of monetary damages, said lawyer Anne Pillsbury.

The plaintiffs, besides Hobson, will include radical activist Martha Waskow, the Rev. David Eaton of All Souls Unitarian Church, freeway opponent Sammie Abbott, and several peace groups.

The defendants will be the District's Metropolitan Police Department and the Washington field office of the FBI.

"We have records of burglaries and wiretaps against these people. I don't see how we can fail to establish damages," Pillsbury said.

Other suits have resulted in injunctions in effect barring police from any further such surveillance. The pending suit will go further.

"We're willing to grant they're not doing these things anymore. We want the records of them the FBI has, and we want compensation for the violations of their civil rights," Pillsbury said.

The suit will charge violations of and conspiracies to violate the plaintiffs' First and Fourth Amendment rights and will ask compensatory and punitive damages of thousands of dollars for each of the plaintiffs' alleged violations.

"WE'RE TALKING about at least $100,000 each," Pillsbury said.

"We're not going to pretend that anybody's career was ruined — we don't have to prove injury.

"We want to have a court tell these officials, 'This is something you shouldn't do in a free society,' and the only way to make that clear is with damages," she said.

Further, if the agencies are not in this business (spying) anymore, they should be compelled to give back their files," she said.

Last month, Hobson filed a bill with the City Council that would bar police surveillance of "non-criminal" — primarily political and social — activities by individuals and organizations.

Hobson said yesterday he had been trying for weeks with no success to determine whether the D.C. police have any files on him based on past surveillance.

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To Members, Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs

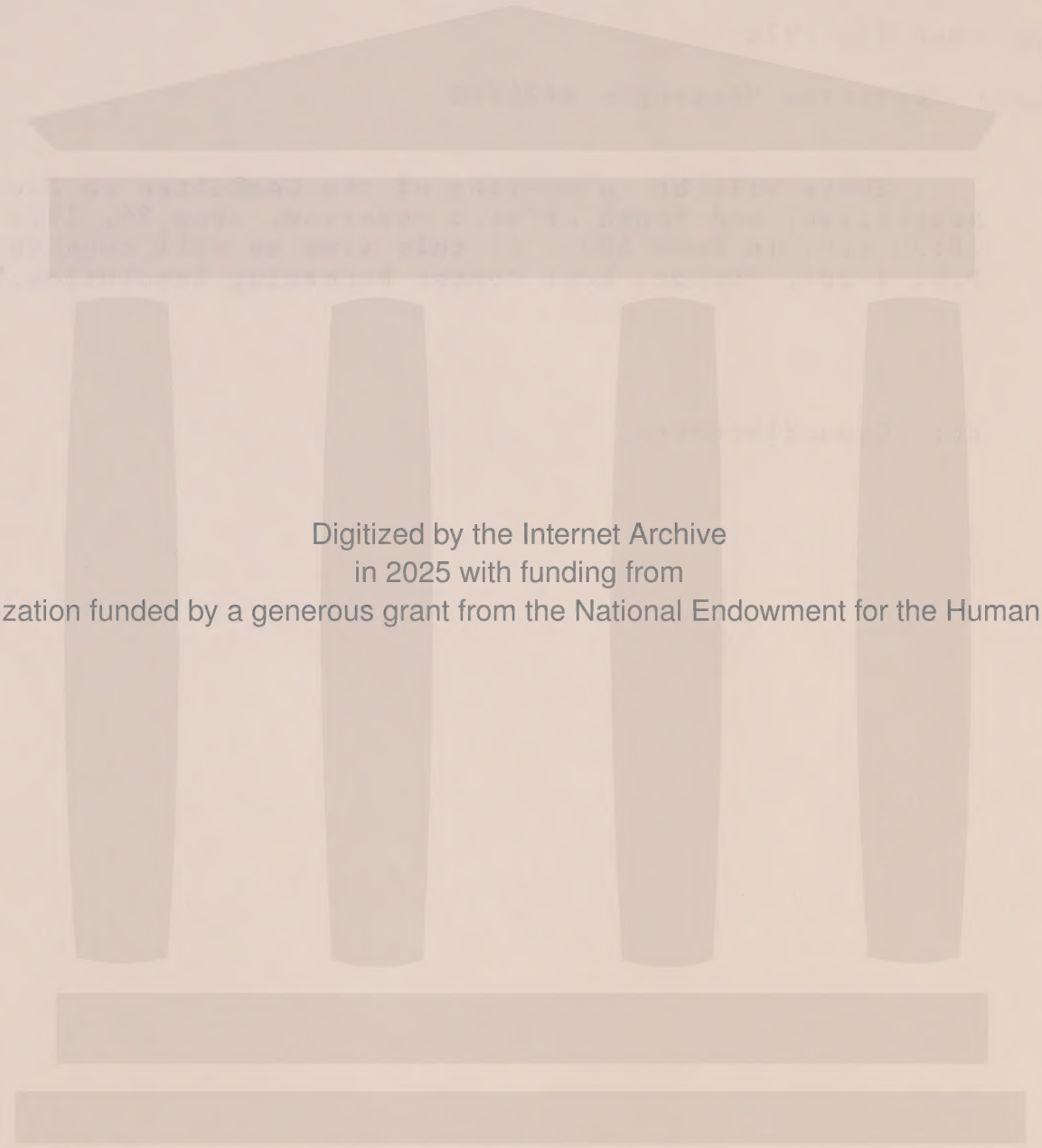
From Julius W. Hobson, Chairman

Date June 23, 1976

Subject Committee Meeting - 6/24/76

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs tomorrow, June 24, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 503. At this time we will consider P.R. 1-206, "School Cost Center Reporting Resolution."

cc: Councilmembers



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Council of the District of Columbia
Notice of Public Hearing

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PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 1-278

"PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1976"

Tuesday, June 22, 1976
10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
Room 500, District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilman Julius W. Hobson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs announces a public hearing on Bill 1-278, "To make parents responsible for certain acts of their children and for other purposes', 'Parental Responsibility Act of 1976."

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Room 500, the District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 1-278 would require that a curfew be imposed on school nights between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. for any person under 16 years of age; the bill further provides that parents will be punished for violations of the curfew and other provisions of the bill. It would amend the school attendance provision of the D.C. Code, Title 31, Section 201 to make enforcement more feasible. Finally, it would require parents and legal guardians to maintain current personal data (residence, phone, and place of employment) at their child's school.

Copies of this proposed legislation, Bill 1-278, may be obtained from the Council's Legislative Services Unit, Room 221, District Building, or by calling 724-8050 or 724-8051.

Persons wishing to testify should register by 5:00 P.M. Friday, June 18, 1976 by calling Ms. Cleo Jollivette at 724-8014. Oral testimony should be limited to five minutes. Written statements should be submitted to the Secretary of the Council, Robert Williams, District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

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To ALL COUNCILMEMBERS

From COUNCILMEMBER MARION BARRY MB

Date June 22, 1976

Subject South African and Chilean Participation in Our Bicentennial

Attached is a proposed letter to President Ford concerning events around several South African ships coming to the United States. A number of persons in the D. C. area who are supporting efforts to assist Blacks in South Africa have asked all members of the Council to sign the enclosed letter.

Please read it, and call Pat Seldon, extension 8060/8061 if you are desirous of joining in the signing of the letter.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

Honorable Gerald Ford
President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

It has come to our attention, but may not have come to yours, that the South African frigate, President Kruger, has been invited, with the approval of the Department of State, to participate in an international naval review to be held as part of the Bicentennial celebrations in New York harbor on July 3rd. Moreover, it is our understanding that a Chilean clipper, the Esmeralda, which alledgedly was used as a torture chamber just after the present military regime in Chile seized power, will be participating in "Operation Sail" in that harbor on July 4th. It has been reported that the Esmeralda will have an honorary South African captain and personnel from South Africa's armed forces on board. The latter event will presumably be televised nationally and perhaps even internationally.

For the United States to permit the participation of naval vessels from these two countries in the above-mentioned Bicentennial events would be an utter debasement of the essence of our Bicentennial anniversary. Furthermore, it would tend to provide to the regimes in Pretoria and Santiago unmistakable comfort, acceptability and legitimacy from a public opinion standpoint.

We in the United States are dedicated to the principles of human dignity, liberty, racial justice and the observance of universally recognized standards of human rights. Within the world community, South Africa and Chile stand out uniquely as the very antithesis of all or most of these principles. Therefore, we, along with other citizens of the District of Columbia, are acutely offended by the proposed participation

of these two countries in our national celebration, particularly South Africa. We are deeply offended not only because a substantial number of us are Black, and because in a spiritual sense we share the day to day brutal repression of our Black fellow men and women in South Africa, but also because all of us, both Black and white, feel a deep sense of shame that the United States Government would identify in this invidious and unnecessary way with the perpetrators of the international crime against humanity known as apartheid.

It was barely two months ago, Mr. President, that Secretary of State Kissinger, in his important April 27th speech in Lusaka, Zambia, described the policy of apartheid in the following terms:

> "Apartheid in South Africa remains an issue of great concern to those committed to racial justice and human dignity....The world community's concern with South Africa is not merely that racial discrimination exists there. What is unique is the extent to which racial discrimination has been institutionalized, enshrined in law and made all pervasive."

Secretary Kissinger's keen observation impels us to ask: Is it fair to American Black naval officers to force them to submit to the humiliating and disrespectful act of sharing in a Bicentennial naval event with a country like South Africa whose racial and human rights policies are so abhorrent not only to the foreign policy makers of our Government but to the bulk of American citizens, as well? Moreover, is this an appropriate extension of our diplomatic responsibilities vis-a-vis South Africa?

We note with great dismay the recent demonstration near Johannesburg which developed into a race riot in which scores of Blacks were brutally killed and injured. This riot was almost certainly directly attributable to the gross and systemic pattern of injustices alluded to in Secretary Kissinger's speech. Our Government feeds the fires of new race riots by lending our symbolic and material support to a regime that is committed to the repugnant practices described by Dr. Kissinger.

Thus, we can conceive of no overriding reason that could justify permitting South African naval participation in our Bicentennial festivities. That country spurns what we stand for and mocks our commitment to the founding principles of this nation. An Act more consistent with the symbolic and concrete meaning of our Bicentennial would be for your Administration to

effect the withdrawal of both South Africa's and Chile's invitations to participate in the New York harbor festivities. By so doing, we could indirectly prod those countries in more humanistic directions and thereby do them a good deed. For just as we have learned from our own difficult experiences, it is in the best short and long term interests of mankind as well as of nations to uphold the principles of human rights, racial justice and individual liberty. We are certain that the foregoing views are not only representative of the thinking of District of Columbia citizens but also that of the broad mainstream of the American public.

You are in a unique position, Mr. President, to exercise historic judgment. This will be the only centennial celebration that you and we will experience in our lives. Let us make it an occasion that all of us within the United States, regardless of race, can be proud of.

We therefore, as elected members of the D. C. City Council, respectfully urge you, Mr. President, to bar South Africa and Chile from participating in the aforementioned activities or to explain to the undersigned and to the people of the United States why such debarment is not possible. It is our hope to receive a response from you in advance of the date on which these activities are scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

cc:
Honorable Henry A. Kissinger,
Secretary of State
William E. Schaufele, Ass't
Secretary of State for
African Affairs
Hewson A. Ryan, Acting Ass't
Secretary of State for Latin
American Affairs
Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy

June 21, 1976

Mr. Harold E. Krents
Counsel to Mainstream, Inc.
1200 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Krents:

Thank you for the clipping from the New York Times, the summary of the meetings of Mainstream, Inc., and especially for the copy of "To Race The Wind."

I appreciate very much being informed of the progress of Mainstream, Inc.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

June 21, 1976

Ms. Ella M.McCree
4223 East Capital Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20019

Dear Ms. McCree:

In August the Council will be in recess and I have not determined at this time what days I will be out of the city on vacation. Therefore, I must decline your invitation to be the Keynote Speaker for the program scheduled for August 29.

Thank you for extending the invitation to participate in your Bicentennial NAACP Program.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

June 21, 1976

Dr. H. Vincent Kelly
Clinical Director
Area A Community Mental Health Center
3246 P Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Dr. Kelly:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me concerning the neighborhood parking law, particularly the area of exceptions to the law. I will keep your views in mind as councilman at large with a responsibility for overseeing facilities of service to the city.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

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June 21, 1976

Ms. Sharlene Kranz
Friends of the Southwest Library
Southwest and Westley Place, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Kranz:

I am very sorry I was unable to stop by during the Open House at the library. I regret not being able to take advantage of the occasion to meet and talk with my neighbors.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

June 21, 1976

Chief Maurice Cullinane
Metropolitan Police Department
300 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chief:

Pursuant to the Mayor's Order 76-109 dated May 4, 1976, (Subject: Availability of Official Information for Public Disclosure), I am requesting full access to any information and records which the Metropolitan Police Department has compiled on me in the course of the Department's surveillance activities.

Numerous press accounts have quoted several members of the Metropolitan Police Department as having known that the Police Department maintained records and files on the activities of people such as Councilman Marion Barry, Jr., D.C. Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy and myself as well as n numerous other civil rights and anti-war activists. Because of this fact I am requesting that I have complete access to any and all files which the Police Department has compiled on my activities.

I would appreciate a response to this request by July 16, 1976.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

June 21, 1976

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting full access to any information and records which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has compiled on me.

The basic information that is needed to process the request is as follows:

Name:	Julius Wilson Hobson
Social Security #	421-01-0885
Home Address	901 6th Street, S.W. #214 Washington, D.C. 20024
Date of Birth:	May 29, 1922
Place of Birth:	Birmingham, Alabama

I have been active in the civil rights movement since its inception as well as in the anti-war movement that organized itself during the late 1960's and early 1970's. The FBI has admitted to keeping files on civil rights and anti-war activists such as myself during that period. In addition, the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department has also admitted to maintaining files on me and a number of other activists in the District of Columbia which were routinely transmitted to the Bureau.

Because of these facts I have sufficient reason to believe that I have been the subject of FBI surveillance and request full access to any records that have been compiled on/or about me.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at large

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

June 21, 1976

Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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In an article that appeared in the March 12, 1975 addition of the Washington Star, the D.C. Metropolitan Police acknowledged that they had undertaken extensive police surveillance activities on me and a number of other people and had received periodic assistance from the CIA in order to carry out these surveillance activities.

Because of this fact I have reason to believe that the Central Intelligence Agency has compiled a record of my civil rights and anti-war activities and I am requesting full access to any records that have been kept on/or about me.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

ISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
: ss:

Subscribed and sworn to
fore me this 21st day
June, 1976

E. M. Batchelder
Notary Public
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D.C. Police Have Helped Train CIA Men, Cullinane Reveals

By Michael Kiernan
Washington Star Staff Writer

As recently as three months ago, the District's police department assisted the Central Intelligence Agency in training CIA personnel, D.C. Police Chief Maurice Cullinane reported to the City Council today.

"It has been the policy of this department to assist the CIA in training certain personnel for their organization," Cullinane wrote the council. The police chief said the last CIA training period ended last December. He could not be reached immediately to discuss details of the brief statement made in the written report.

No additional training is contemplated until a review of its relevance is undertaken, Cullinane wrote.

Cullinane's admission of recent police dealings with the CIA came in the massive report to the council on police undercover work in recent years.

CULLINANE acknowledged that from the summer of 1968 to 1972, the city's police force compiled secret files on thousands of peace activists including local college students and at least six elected city officials now holding office.

The surveillance was undertaken with $150,000 from the U. S. Army and periodic assistance from the CIA.

Cullinane acknowledged earlier published reports that the CIA had trained 12 police officials in intelligence activities in 1969 and that five other officials had received CIA training in photography and in dismantling explosive devices in 1972 and 1973.

The CIA also assisted the department in the electronic eavesdropping of an unidentified home in the District by rigging two furniture lamps with surveillance equipment.

Cullinane also admitted the police force from 1969 to 1971 borrowed from the CIA wire surveillance equipment for court-ordered wire intercepts, five automobiles, seven portable radios and one radio receiver.

THE SECRET files, containing information gathered from newspaper clippings, investigative reports and so-called "source and miscellaneous" reports, were kept in as many as 10 large file cabinets in the police department's intelligence division, a police official said today.

Among those whose public activities were monitored by undercover policeman were D.C. Del. Walter E. Fauntroy, City Council Chairman Sterling Tucker and four other current council members, Marion Barry, at-large; Willie J. Hardy, Ward 7; Julius Hobson, at-large, and Douglas Moore, at large.

A spokesman for Cullinane said the files kept on the elected officials did not contain "any information about their personal lives or habits as far as the chief knows." The file cabinets containing the information have recently been emptied and the files destroyed, officials said.

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES PARK POLICE
1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 21, 1976

Mr. Julius W. Hobson
Council Member At Large
District of Columbia City Council
13th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Hobson:

Today it was called to my attention that during the past weekend a relative of yours was inconvenienced by a member of this Force. The situation evolved as a result of a U. S. Park Police Officer not distinguishing between District of Columbia license number 11, and District of Columbia City Council license number 11.

You may be assured that there will be no record of the incident, and that you and your relative have our sincere apologies for any discomfort we may have caused.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Wells

Chief of Police

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Julius Hobson, Sr.
Councilmember-At-Large

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To The Committee of the Whole

From Julius W. Hobson. Chairman, Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs

Date June 21, 1976

Subject Reprogramming request for the District of Columbia Public Schools

A request to reprogram funds totaling $1,611,470 of Fiscal Year 1976 general obligation funds has been forwarded to the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs for its recommedation. Until we are able to get full reports through P.R. 1-206, it is dificult to judge the merits of this request. Both the recent Government Accounting Office report and the Arthur Anderson and Company analysis confirm that the existing budgeting and accounting system is seriously inadequate.

However, iterim decisions will need to be made on the basis of the best available information. From what we can determine, the reprogrammed money comes from personnel compensation funds saved from the D.C. Public School's operating fund for F.Y. 1976 as a result of the hiring freeze imposed by the Mayor on all District Government agencies. (Mayor's Order #75-124 issued July 7, 1975)

Reprogrammed funds are being requested by the District of Columbia Board of Education to fund certain essential expenditures for the improvement of the D.C. Public Schools. In summary these include:

Special Education	$476,470
Repairs and Maintenance	500,000
Employee Benefits	635,000
	$1,611,470

Special Education: The Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs Committee agrees with the Board of Education that the increase of $476,470 for the special education program is necessary in order for the D.C. Public Schools to meet current contractual obligations. Special education tuition grant contracts are funded at a level of approximately $2.3 million. In order to meet court requirements for special education, it is necessary to fund contracts

with private schools for tuition grants at a level of $2.8 million. The availability of $476,470 for reprogramming avoids the need for a supplemental budget request to meet required expenditures for special education in F.Y. 1976.

Repair and Maintenance: The Board of Education stated in the attached letters of May 12, and June 17, 1976 that the D.C. Public Schools required an additional $500,000 for building repairs and maintenance in order to avoid risk to health and safety. The Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs believes this expenditure is necessary in order to begin to meet outstanding expenditure commitments.

Employee Benefits: An increase of $635,000 in employee benefits, requested by the Mayor on behalf of the Board of Education, is necessary in order to meet the increased cost in health and life insurance. The Committee views this as an unavoidable cost increase that must cover the increase in the employer's share of health insurance costs as well as the increased employer's requirement as a result of pay raises for school employees.

The Committee further fully supports transference of other unobligated F.Y. 1976 funds to the Transition Quarter for the other items requested by the Board of Education and other items agreed upon at a later date and that such transference will be effected by the Executive Branch. The Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs concurs with the purposes for these funds and requests that the Mayor and the Board of Education apprise the Committee as to the status of the transference and the uses of these transferred funds as of July 1, 1976.

The Committee notes the discrepancy between the Board of Education's request for reprogramming and that of the Mayor. The Board of Education stated in the attached letters of May 12 and June 17, that $1,611,470 is available for reprogramming. The Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs is of the opinion that the Board of Education can determine best how such reprogrammed money should be allocated and is therefore acting on the basis of the Board's request.

The Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs approves the reprogramming request submitted by the Board of Education and refers its report to the Committee of the Whole for approval.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Dr. Therman Evans, President of the Board of Education to Councilman Julius W. Hobson, June 17, 1976.

2. Letter from Councilman Julius W. Hobson to Dr. Therman Evans, President of the Board of Education, June 15, 1976.

3. Reprogramming Requests - FORM OBM 28-1 from D.C. Public Schools.

4. Reprogramming request submitted by the Mayor, June 10, 1976.

5. Reprogramming request submitted by the Board of Education to Councilman Julius W. Hobson, May 12, 1976.

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To Members, Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs

From Julius W. Hobson, Chairman J.W.H

Date 17 June 1976

Subject Special Committee Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs on Monday, June 21, 1976, in Room 503 at 9:15 a.m. At this time, we will consider a request to reprogram FY 1976 funds for the D.C. Public Schools. The meeting should be brief.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PRESIDENTIAL BUILDING

415 TWELFTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

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DAVID A. SPLITT
GENERAL COUNSEL

June 17, 1976

The Honorable Julius W. Hobson, Sr.
Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation and
Youth Affairs
Council of the District of Columbia
5th Floor, District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Councilman Hobson:

In committee, and at its meeting of June 16, 1976, the Board of Education considered once again the reprogrammings previously submitted to the City Council for approval, and wishes to advise the City Council that it reaffirms its previous request both in the specific amounts and the priorities previously established.

Two extraneous issues appear to have been raised by the Mayor and included with our prior request. Previously, the Board met and approved a series of reprogrammings of projected available compensation resulting from the freeze. That request, dated May 12, 1976, is listed in your memorandum of June 15, 1976. That request continues in effect at the present time.

In addition to this request, several administrative requests for reprogramming were developed by the Superintendent:

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Councilmember-At-Large
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(1) for the return of funds to building maintenance previously reprogrammed on an emergency basis for Special Education tuition (a technical reprogramming which had been agreed to as a part of the original emergency reprogramming); and

(2) the technical reprogramming of funds from compensation to benefits in order to balance fund requirements resulting from the pay increases and their affect on the benefits of these same employees--to the extent that these funds were out of balance as a result of the necessity to absorb the requirement.

The Board considers these two additional reprogrammings to be technical in nature, and therefore not to require formal Board action. We do not believe that these two actions should have been commingled by the Mayor with our May 12, 1976 request, since such commingling appears to suggest error on the part of the Board of Education, and serves to distract attention from the real issue, which is the changes made by the Mayor in the original request of the Board of Education.

Essentially, these changes result in the increase of funding for the Department of General Services in the amount of $344,000--an increase not approved by the Board of Education--and the delay--and in fact the failure to transmit to the City Council--of certain other items requested by the Board of Education.

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By formal action at its June 16, 1976 meeting, the Board has instructed me to reaffirm those previous actions of the Board and request that you consider these reprogrammings as transmitted by the Board without the changes and omissions made by the Mayor.

Sincerely,

Therman E. Evans, M.D.
President

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

June 15, 1976

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REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 7

AGENCY: D.C. Public Schools Fiscal Year 76

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 476,470
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Facilities: Maintenance
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Junior High Education; omitting "various accounts"
5. USE OF FUNDS: Facilities: Fourth quarter maintenance transfer DGS

Personnel

Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits

	Amount

Total – Related Benefits $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object

	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail) GA-06-010-H6E-00-P02-25.94	$476,470

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 476,470

Total – Funding Required for Reprogramming $ 476,470

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Personnel Funds GA-06-010-B4L-00-A07-1A-41 various (see attached) $ 476,470

Related Benefits Funds $

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EQUIPMENT	
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Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 476,470

Total – Funding Available for Reprogramming $ 476,470

7. JUSTIFICATION OF REPROGRAMMING Include explanation of why funds are available in source program and why they are needed in receiving program.

Reimbursement:
Reversing temporary reprogramming (transmittal No.1) to permit additional Tuition grants, per agreement with Mayor, and in accordance with prior OBMS agreement.

REQUESTING AGENCY	OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
AGENCY HEAD ——— DATE	BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. ——— DATE

OBMS 28.1 1/16/75

REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 8

AGENCY: Public Schools Fiscal Year

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 1,714,000
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Non-Personnel Cost
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Accrued Personnel Compensation
5. USE OF FUNDS:

Personnel Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits	Amount

Total – Related Benefits $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object	Amount
TRAVEL	---
SUPPLIES	800,000
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail) *	914,000

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 1,714,000

Total – Funding Required for Reprogramming $ 1,714,000

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Personnel Funds $ 1,714,000

Related Benefits Funds $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

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BUDGET OFFICE, D.C.

REQUESTING AGENCY
Public Schools
Mr. Vincent E. Reed
Superintendent 4/2/76
AGENCY HEAD — DATE

OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. — DATE

OBMS 28.1 1/16/75

* Building and Maintenance = $500,000
Classroom Equipment Repair = 100,000
Evaluation Program Design = 70,000
Automated Systems Improvement = 244,000

REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 9

AGENCY: PUBLIC SCHOOLS Fiscal Year 76

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 634,120
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Personnel Benefits (12-11, 12-12)
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Personnel Compensation (1A-01)
5. USE OF FUNDS:

Personnel Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits	Amount
12-11 Life Insurance	$ 92,342
12-12 Health Benefits	541,778

Total – Related Benefits $ 634,120

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TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

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REQUESTING AGENCY

Roscellar F. Shaw for E.G. Winner 5/27

AGENCY HEAD — DATE

OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. — DATE

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Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 724-8000

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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An increase of $635,000 in employee benefits funding is necessary in order to meet increased costs in health and life insurance. A total of $542,000 of the funds to be reprogrammed are needed to cover an increase in the employer's share of health insurance cost as provided by legislation approved during the year; $93,000 is required for life insurance due to the increased employer requirement as a result of pay raises for school employees.

If you require additional information, please let me know. I urge your early consideration and approval of this request so that we may seek Congressional approval at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Washington
Mayor

cc: Mr. Robert Williams
Secretary

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May 12, 1976

The Honorable Julius W. Hobson, Chairman
Committee on Education, Recreation and
Youth Affairs
Council of the District of Columbia
5th Floor, District Building
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Councilman Hobson:

It is my understanding that the Executive Secretary to the Board has officially informed you that the Board of Education, at its Stated Meeting of April 26, 1976, approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to reprogram $2.3 million of the FY 1976 general funds.

I am writing this letter for the purpose of formally requesting that the City Council consider this Board action expeditiously so that Congressional action can be taken prior to the end of this fiscal year.

The Board of Education is very anxious to reprogram these funds into certain essential nonpersonnel expenditures for the improvement of the D.C. Public Schools. I am attaching a copy of the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approved for your information and consideration. The Superintendent's staff

is available to meet with you and your Committee at your convenience for the purpose of clarifying any questions arising from this reprogramming request.

In closing, may I again emphasize the urgent nature of this request since all of the items listed in the reprogramming request are sorely needed for the effective operation of the D.C. Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Therman E. Evans, M.D.
President

Attachment

cc: Mayor Washington
Chairman Tucker
Board Members

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MAY 12 1976

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April 29, 1976

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Dear Mr. Hobson:

At its meeting held April 26, 1976, the Board of Education approved a report submitted by the Committee on School Finance which recommended the following:

a. FY 1976 General Fund: Reprogramming of $2.3 million with the deletion of items 5 and 7e & F (Superintendent's letter of March 12, 1976).

b. That the line item budget sent to Congress by the Board of Education include one column which shows the budget in its original $218 million former and an additional column which is reduced to indicate a reduction in the entire budget to the amount of the budget ceiling approved by the City Council. The amounts of the reduction of each budget line item shall be the amount saved in each line item by a reduction in services for equal number of days to be achieved by the closing or delayed opening of the school system including all school system officers for the required number of days.

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Transmitted herewith is a copy of the FY 1976 General Fund: Reprogramming for appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight S. Cropp
Executive Secretary
Board of Education

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Enclosure

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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PERINTENDENT

March 12, 1976

Dr. Therman E. Evans
President, Board of Education
415 - 12th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Dr. Evans:

Subject: FY 1976 General Fund: Reprogramming

The second quarter financial report for the general fund noted on page 8 that considerable compensation was accruing as a result of the freeze on positions imposed by the Mayor. As indicated in the attached summary, we know of some potential claims on that available funding because of subsequent actions taken by the Mayor and City Council in the amendment to the FY 1976 budget which has been submitted to Congress.

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Sincerely,

Vincent E. Reed

Vincent E. Reed
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Attachments

FY 1976 OPERATING FUND

FUND STATUS SUMMARY

Accrued Personal Compensation Savings, 1st half FY 76	$1,984,839
Projected Additional Compensation Savings, 2nd half FY 76	758,411
Gross Projected Savings	$2,743,250
Less Special Education Reprogramming	476,470
Less Unspecified City Council Reduction in Supplemental 1/	350,000
Net Projected Available for Reprogramming	$1,916,780

1/ The Reduction of $410,000 at Oxon Run is from New and Improved Services, and does not affect the accrued savings, which were measured against the fund level of the continuing resolution.

Budget Division
Control Division
Office of Management Services
March 12, 1976

FY 1976 GENERAL FUND

POTENTIAL PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH REPROGRAMMING

(Note: totals indicate best current estimates; actual operating allotments would differ. Items are not in priority sequence.)

	Amount (thousands)
1. Building Maintenance	
Project Build and Skills Centers Flying Squad Materials Custodial Supplies Environmental Report Items Security Systems Work Order Backlog Painting Program	$500.0
2. Classroom Equipment-Overhaul	
One-time contractual maintenance of typewriters, audio-visual equipment, etc.	100.0
3. Warehouse Stock	
Establish basic working stock of high volume items - per recent GAO Report.	700.0
4. Special Supplies	
Testing Program materials.	
Magnet School and other experimental programs (RAMS, Science/Math, Arts, etc.)	100.0
5. Clerical Services	
Inflationary copier service costs and central printing supplies and equipment.	165.0
6. Evaluation Design	
Contractual services for program design, scoring services, etc.	
Evaluation of current system objectives (sample basis only = $18.0)	37.0
Planning Process Implementation	15.0
Automated Systems Development of Evaluation System and Initial Year Operation	18.0
	70.0

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7. Automated Systems	
a. Mark Sensor and Scanner:	
Evaluation Forms Grade Reporting Test Scoring Scheduling Textbook Inventory Audio Visual Scheduling Student Enrollment Health Screening Vendor File Maintenance	$100.0
b. Contract for Prescription Reading Tapes Comparative Analysis of the Fall and Spring Test Scores.	30.0
c. Terminals and Peripheral Equipment for the Finance Office.	51.0
d. Terminals and Peripheral Equipment for the D.C. Schools Warehouse.	33.0
e. Attendance System, Preliminary Survey Cost and Pilot System.	85.0
f. Terminal and Peripheral Equipment Cost for Attendance System and Regional Terminals.	185.0
g. Equipment and Development of Certification Program.	30.0
TOTAL	$514.0
GRAND TOTAL	$2,311.0

Budget Division
March 12, 1976

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To Members, Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs

From Julius W. Hobson, Chairman J.W.H

Date 17 June 1976

Subject Special Committee Meeting

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

June 16, 1976

Mr. George Harrod
Director
D.C. Personnel Department
499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

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Enclosure

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An increase of $635,000 in employee benefits funding is necessary in order to meet increased costs in health and life insurance. A total of $542,000 of the funds to be reprogrammed are needed to cover an increase in the employer's share of health insurance cost as provided by legislation approved during the year; $93,000 is required for life insurance due to the increased employer requirement as a result of pay raises for school employees.

If you require additional information, please let me know. I urge your early consideration and approval of this request so that we may seek Congressional approval at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Washington
Mayor

cc: Mr. Robert Williams
Secretary

REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 7

AGENCY: D.C. Public Schools Fiscal Year 76

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 476,470
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Facilities: Maintenance
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Junior High Education; omitting "various accounts"
5. USE OF FUNDS: Facilities: Fourth quarter maintenance transfer DGS

Personnel

Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits

	Amount

Total – Related Benefits $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object

	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail) GA-06-010-H6E-00-P02-25.94	$476,470

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 476,470

Total – Funding Required for Reprogramming $ 476,470

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Personnel Funds GA-06-010-B4L-00-A07-1A-41 various (see attached) $ 476,470

Related Benefits Funds $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object

	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 476,470

Total – Funding Available for Reprogramming $ 476,470

7. JUSTIFICATION OF REPROGRAMMING Include explanation of why funds are available in source program and why they are needed in receiving program.

Reimbursement:
Reversing temporary reprogramming (transmittal No.1) to permit additional Tuition grants, per agreement with Mayor, and in accordance with prior OBMS agreement.

REQUESTING AGENCY	OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
AGENCY HEAD — DATE	BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. — DATE

OBMS 28.1 1/16/75

REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 8

AGENCY: Public Schools Fiscal Year

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 1,714,000
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Non-Personnel Cost
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Accrued Personnel Compensation
5. USE OF FUNDS:

Personnel Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits	Amount

Total – Related Benefits $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object	Amount
TRAVEL	---
SUPPLIES	800,000
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail) *	914,000

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $ 1,714,000

Total – Funding Required for Reprogramming $ 1,714,000

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Personnel Funds $ 1,714,000
Related Benefits Funds $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $

Total – Funding Available for Reprogramming $ 1,714,000

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REQUESTING AGENCY
Public Schools
Mr. Vincent E. Reed
Superintendent 4/2/76
AGENCY HEAD — DATE

OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. — DATE

OBMS 28.1 1/16/75

* Building and Maintenance = $500,000
Classroom Equipment Repair = 100,000
Evaluation Program Design = 70,000
Automated Systems Improvement = 244,000

REPROGRAMMING OR REDIRECTION REQUEST

TRANSMITTAL No. 9

AGENCY: PUBLIC SCHOOLS Fiscal Year 76

1. TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED (CHECK ONE) [X] Reprogramming [ ] Redirection
2. AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED $ 634,120
3. TITLE OF PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS Personnel Benefits (12-11, 12-12)
4. TITLE OF PROGRAM PROVIDING FUNDS Personnel Compensation (1A-01)
5. USE OF FUNDS:

Personnel

Number	Job Title	Grade	Full Year Funding	Funding Required This Fiscal Year

Total – Personnel Funds $

Related Benefits

	Amount
12-11 Life Insurance	$ 92,342
12-12 Health Benefits	541,778

Total – Related Benefits $ 634,120

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object

	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $

Total – Funding Required for Reprogramming $ 634,120

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Personnel Funds (1A-01) $ 634,120

Related Benefits Funds $

Other Objects of Expenditure by Main Object

	Amount
TRAVEL	
SUPPLIES	
EQUIPMENT	
OTHER (Detail)	

Total – Other Objects of Expenditure $

Total – Funding Available for Reprogramming $ 634,120

7. JUSTIFICATION OF REPROGRAMMING Include explanation of why funds are available in source program and why they are needed in receiving program.

Group life insurance and hospitalization rates have increased, causing a projected deficit of $634,120 by the end of fiscal year 1976.

REQUESTING AGENCY

Russell Gilbert for E.G. Winner 5/27

AGENCY HEAD — DATE

OFFICE OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

BUDGET OFFICER, D. C. — DATE

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

June 14, 1976

Ms. Carol Currie Gidley
Chairperson, ANC 3E
4700 47th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Ms. Gidley:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me expressing your views on the Firearms Control Regulation Act (Bill 1-164) which is pending before the City Council.

I support gun control and will work to see that the Council gives this legislation favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

Copies for ANC Commissioners:

Barbara Ann Mower, 3E01
Mary C. Barry, 3E03
Eleanor Hansen, 3E04
Bobbi Blok, 3E05

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CALLS RE MASSAGE PARLOR LEGISLATION

Name, Address or Telephone Number	Remarks
June 14, 1976	
Mrs. Gaskins Circle Block Club of D.C.	Wants Mr. Hobson to support the bill. Morally Wrong
Ms. Helen Williams Ward 3	Wants Mr. Hobson to support the bill. Morally Wrong
Robert Anderson Citizen 966-2372	Lives behind a parlor. Feels it is a neighborhood nuisance. Would like Mr. Hobson to support the bill
Ms. Marilyn Schimts 768-8271	Against legislation. Feels Massage Parlors help to (1) elimiate prostitution (2) elimate need for mistresses (3) sex is necessary - using parlor eliminates illegal acts
June 15, 1976	
Mrs. Arthur Newmyer 362-2240	Mr. Hobson to support bill.
Ms. Teresa Soto 477-6572/3	Strong support for bill
Ms. Edna Stanton 3114 Wisc. Ave, N.W. Apt. 101, D.C. 20016	Supports bill
Mr. Barry	Supporting bill
Jerald Williams 966-0514	Supports bill
Mrs. Breen St. Peters Parrish Capital Hill Li 7-9495	Supports the bill
Ms. Veronica Brown 4355 Benning Rd., N.W. DC 20019 396-2494	Supports bill

Name, Address or Telephone Number	Remarks
June 15, 1976	
Ms. Luish M. Soto 4108 Albamarle Street N.W. Ward 3	Supports the bill

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To All Interested Individuals and Organizations

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large J.W.H

Date June 11, 1976

Subject Non Criminal Police Surveillance Act of 1976 (Bill 1-287)

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A letter or telephone call to Mrs. Hardy would expedite the scheduling of public hearings on this much needed piece of legislation.

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 724-8000

To Willie J. Hardy, Chairwoman, Committee on Public Safety

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilmember at Large JWH

Date May 24, 1976

Subject Non Criminal Police Surveillance Act of 1976 (Bill 1-287)

Attached is a list of 32 people and 4 organizations in the District of Columbia who have endorsed todate the "Non-Criminal Police Surveillance Act" which I introduced before the City Council on May 3, 1976.

The list is indicative of the wide-spread community support which Bill 1-287 has. I urge your Committee to take note of this fact and request that public hearings on this piece of legislation be scheduled before the August recess.

Attachment - as stated.

cc: All Councilmembers

The regional structure in the D.C schools

Post 6-10-76

By Lee A. Daniels
Washington Post Staff Writer

Two years after the D.C. School Board created six regional offices in an effort to make the school system more responsive to local school needs, school officials have prepared a confidential report that recommends strengthening the authority of the regional superintendents.

The report "clarifies the gray areas" of the duties of the regional superintendents, and proposes a realignment in the size of the regions and a mechanism for insuring community involvement in the operation of the regions, according to sources who have seen the report.

However, the report states that a full decentralization of the school system—in which regional superintendents would be able to make substantive decisions without review by a central office and the city school board—is too expensive an undertaking at this point for school system.

Despite its delaying further movement toward decentralizing the school system—an idea encouraged by former Supts. Hugh J. Scott and Barbara A. Sizemore—the report, if adopted, will underscore the school board's and Supt. Vincent Reed's commitment toward some sort of sharing of decision-making authority, one source said.

The report, drafted by a six-member study group chaired by region two superintendent Dorothy L. Johnson, is now being reviewed by Reed.

Reed would not comment on the report other than to say that he would present it to the school board at its June 16 meeting.

Parents and school officials have long debated the decentralization issue which, in a time of increasing fiscal austerity, has included concern about whether the school system can afford the $240,000 average operating cost of each regional office.

The debate involves two central questions:

•Is the regional structure the

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best way to speed the delivery of services to schools?

•Can the regional structure improve the performance of teachers and students in the classroom?

The six regions, each with its own superintendent and containing between 18 and 40 schools, were created two years ago in an effort to quicken the school system's response to local school needs.

However, they were created without any change in city codes concerning the schools' decision-making process (although presumably more people because of it are involved in that process).

Thus, unlike their counterparts in New York City's decentralized school structure, Washington's superintendents don't have any autonomous legal powers. They remain directly accountable to the city's superintendent and school board.

Washington's critics of decentralized regional structure argue that a lack of autonomous powers has made the regional superintendents mere bureaucratic middlemen between local schools and the central administration.

Proponents on the other hand, claim it is unfair to expect spectacular achievements in just two years and argue that the regional offices have involved more parents in school affairs, fostered an esprit de corps among school staff and strengthened the schools' curricula.

Former school board member Ray Kemp, however, thinks dropping the decentralizetion plan is the best course of action.

Noting that regional superintendents have no authority over the delivery of supplies to schools, Kemp asked rhetorically, "Do we need a regional office to blame for why a school has no textbooks?"

Kemp and others propose dismantling the divisions and giving more authority —in choosing teachers and in making small repairs, for example—directly to local school principals.

But region three Superintendent Napoleon Lewis said the regions have been successful. "Yes, we need to improve, but we've brought services to the people. 'We've helped schools better educate their students," he said.

Lewis, a former principal of H. D. Woodson High School in his Northeast region, said instructional services to the re-

Strengthening of regional school officials' authority backed

gion's schools now "are better than at any time during my four years at Woodson (before the regions were created)."

He also said all handicapped students in the region have been placed in schools. (The inability of school officials to place handicapped children in regular classes has been a chronic complaint under the old centralized system.)

In region five, discussions between regional Superintendent Gilbert Diggs and teachers led to programs in the schools aimed at improving the curriculum.

For instance, at the Meyer Elementary School in Northwest, teachers and parents on Fridays replace regular classes with about 75 workshops that offer students activities ranging from arts and crafts to piano and guitar lessons.

"They're a means of expanding the curriculum and yet allowing students to develop an interest in a 'nonschool' subject," said Meyer sixth-grade teacher George Moore.

In region two, Brent Elementary School principal Herbert Boyd says that two teacher supervisors from the regional office have visited the Southeast school regularly to work with his staff on improving teaching techniques.

"I'd been saying that (teacher) supervisors are necessary if a school's to maintain a quality program, because a principal can't be expert in every phase," Boyd said. "This is just what we need."

All of the regional superintendents also emphasized the "family feeling" or unity they say their staff members have helped develop among some teachers and parents under the decentralized system.

"It's the difference between mere occupancy and ownership," region four Supt. Margaret Labat explained. "The regional offices have stimulated the feeling of parents that the schools are theirs."

But others argue that these things could have been achieved through the joint efforts of local school principals and parents without the decentralized regional structure.

They say a system of 130,685 students, whose enrollment has been declining steadily, is small enough to be managed from the central office without an intervening bureaucratic layer.

According to at-large school board member Betty Ann Kane, the plan (regionalization) has not made any difference in how supplies are ordered or how building repairs are made.. Requests for both still are routed through the central administration.

"We need real decentralization," she said, "that shifts authority to those directly in contact with students and parents."

Whether and how the school board can, if it chooses, delegate power to regional superintendents or boards remains unclear.

At present the board by law cannot delegate its authority, according to David A. Splitt, the board's general counsel.

Splitt said that while no specific section of the D.C. Code prohibits the board from doing so, the prohibition is part of the "common law" governing ruling bodies.

Although school decentralization here has come to be identified with former superintendents Scott and Sizemore, its formative beginnings go back to four special school projects of the 1960s: the Model School Division (1964), the Adams and Morgan community schools (1867), and the Anacostia Community Schools Division (1968).

(The two divisions now form the nuclei of regions five and one, respectively. The Adams and Morgan schools are in region two.)

In 1969, then supt. William R. Manning drew up a plan to divide the city into 11 regions over five years, but the plan was never implemented, except to a limited extent in the Spingarn High School area.

It remained for Sizemore, with the somewhat reluctant approval of the school board, to put a citywide plan into effect in 1974.

The regional offices, quartered in school buildings in various parts of the city, are composed of a regional superintendent and from 20 to 25 staff members who supervise such school programs as special education, staff and curriculum development and pupil personnel services.

All of the regional superintendents are career veterans with at least 18 years of experience in the school system and past service as principals.

The two others, besides Diggs, Johnson, Labat and Lewis, are William Rice of region one, and Gary Freeman of region two.

"I'm the superintendent's representative in the field," said Rice. "I have the same power over schools in this region that he does on the citywide level. Of course, we clear

our actions with him, but he depends on our recommendations."

The superintendents say that the regional offices have improved communication between the school administration and community residents. But critics are unimpressed, claiming that bureaucracies always assert they've improved communications.

Still other decentralization critics, like ward two board member William Treanor, wonder whether the school system can support a regional structure given its austere financial situation.

For fiscal years 1976 and 1977 the school budgets approved by the City Council have been from $10 million to $14 million less than the amount school officials contend they need to maintain the current level of services.

Both the fiscal year 1976 budget of $200.2 million and the fiscal year 1977 budget of $207 million are now pending before Congress.

However—although comparisons are inexact—figures from the schools' budget office show the present decentralized structure is not costing significantiy more than the four departments, elementary, secondary, Anacostia and Model schools, it replaced.

Edward Winner, the schools' budget director, said there has not been any actual increase in regular school funds for the regional office over that spent for the four divisions.

Winner said 37 new positions (costing $730,571) and including clerical and line staff, are being paid for from the schools' $4 million federal impact-aid budget.

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

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To Robert A. Williams, Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large gWH

Date June 9, 1976

Subject The Energy Advisory Commission Resolution

Please file the following resolution entitled "The Energy Advisory Commission Resolution" on the Secretary's log for introduction.

Thank you.

John M. Murphy Post 6-9-76

TV Violence and Kids

In response to George Will's May 27 column, "The Problem of Depicted Violence," I think he is seriously mistaken on one point. He seems to feel that there is no "evidence that depictions of violence 'teach' children violent behavior." He is wrong.

Over the past 10 years, there have been two major federal studies of the relationship between television behavior and aggressive behavior in children.

Mr. Murphy is a Democratic representative from New York.

One was conducted by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence established by President Johnson, to which Mr. Will refers in his article. The commission looked broadly at the influence of television on children and, among other things, concluded:

"A large body of research on observational learning by pre-school children . . . confirms children can and do learn aggressive behavior from what they see in a film or on a TV screen . . . The vast majority of experimental studies . . . have found that observed violence stimulates aggressive behavior . . .

"We do not suggest that television is a principal cause of violence in society. We do suggest that it is a contributing factor. . . ."

The second, and more recent, study was conducted by the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee on Television and Social Behavior, which was issued in 1972. Mr. Will makes no mention of this study in his article, although the study focused specifically on the causal relationship between television violence and aggressive behavior. The study was based on the results of 23 research projects and carefully concluded that a relationship does exist. But I cannot fault Mr. Will for not mentioning the surgeon general's report, because its basic findings were obscured by an equivocal and misleading summary. The conclusion of the full report is there, however, and is itself unequivocal. As the surgeon general, Jesse Steinfeld, stated before the Communications Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee in March 1972:

"While the committee report is carefully phrased and qualified in language acceptable to social scientists, it is clear to me that the causal relationship between televised violence and anti-social behavior is sufficient to warrant appropriate and immediate remedial action."

Over the past six months, there has been growing recognition of the harmful effects of televised violence on children by the medical profession. In the December 1975 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Michael B. Rothenberg, a Seattle psychiatrist, reviewed the existing literature on the effects of television violence. He cited no less than 50 studies involving as many as 10,000 children and adolescents from every conceivable background, and all showed "that violence viewing produces increased aggressive behavior in the young." Dr. Rothenberg's conclusion was a call to arms: "It would seem to me that the time is long past due for a major, organized cry of protest from the medical profession in relation to what, in political terms, is a national scandal."

His call to arms was taken up by Professor Anne R. Somers of the New Jersey-Rutgers Medical School. On April 8, 1976, in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine, she also reviewed the work that has been done to assess the effects of television violence on children and adolescents. Her advice to the medical profession was as unhesitating as Dr. Rothenberg's: "The essential first step is general professional acceptance of the role of television violence as a risk factor threatening the health and welfare of American children and youth and official organizational commitment to remedial action."

Taking Exception

I think we must all welcome action from the medical community, from organizations like Action for Children's Television (a national organization that began in the Boston area) and the Committee on Children's Television located in San Francisco, and from concerned parents. For myself as a member of the Congress, the problem is more difficult. I must always be concerned that what I propose does not contravene the First Amendment, which sets forth some of our most precious liberties. The problem for a legislator is how to find the proper point of balance between the right of the television networks under the First Amendment to devise their own programming free of governmental influence, and the obligation we all bear to protect our children from influences or events that can cause serious harm while they are growing up. It is a difficult problem, and the networks are not particularly constructive when they fall back on the First Amendment in simplistic fashion whenever a governmental official, whether elected or appointed, raises his voice to deplore the level and quantity of violence that permeates American television. What is needed is a more thoughtful analysis and resolute action.

June 7, 1976

Mrs. Gladys S. Roberts
Mr. Thornell K. Page
Co-Chairpersons, Planning Committee
Environmental "Go-Trash" Awards Banquet
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington
Anthony Bowen Branch
1816 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Page:

I am very sorry I will be unable to participate in the Environmental "Go-Trash" Awards ceremony and dinner. I am enclosing the tickets which you so kindly sent to me. (Eight)

Best wishes for a successful affair.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

Enclosure

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

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To All Interested Individuals and Organizations

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large JWH

Date June 4, 1976

Subject The Initiative and Referendum Act (Bill 1-256)

Attached is a memorandum that I recently sent to Chairman Sterling Tucker, urging that the Committee of the Whole schedule hearings on the "Initiative and Referendum Act" before the August recess. To date there has been no action taken by the Committee on this bill.

A letter or telephone call to Mr. Tucker would expedite the scheduling of a hearing date for the bill.

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 724-8000

To Sterling Tucker, Council Chairman

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large JWH

Date May 27, 1976

Subject The Initiative and Referendum Act (Bill 1-256)

Bill 1-256, "The Initiative and Referendum Act," was introduced on March 9, 1976, and referred to the Committee of the Whole. I am requesting that the Committee schedule hearings on this bill before the August recess.

It is urgent that the Council consider this bill now if the legislation is going to have any impact on District citizens at the November 1976 election.

The following individuals or organizations have expressed interest in the bill and will testify in its support:

Mr. Bill Harrington, citizen.

Ms. Jennie Ross, The American Civil Liberties Union

Common Cause, a representative

Mr. David Simmons, Friendship House

Ms. Kathleen Sheekey, Young Lawyers Section, The Bar Association of D.C.

Mr. Kieth Stroup, The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

Mr. Sam Smith, D.C. Gazette

Citizens Act Group, a representative

In view of this community support, I hope the hearings will be scheduled on Bill 1-287 as soon as possible.

Council of the District of Columbia
Notice of Public Hearing

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June 2, 1976

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE YOUTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Special Meeting of the Committee on
Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs
Thursday, June 17, 1976 - 10:00 A.M.
Room 501
District Building

Councilman Julius W. Hobson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs, announces a public roundtable discussion on Bill 1-307, "To reorganize the youth services programs of the District of Columbia government, and for other purposes," "District of Columbia Youth Services Act of 1976."

The roundtable discussion will be held on Thursday, June 17, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 501, the District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 1-307 formalizes the budgetary reorganization of the Office of Youth Opportunity Services which was enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia in the "Budget Act of 1977." The proposed reorganization is designed to ensure that an effective mechanism exists to facilitate youth employment, to realign the current pattern of youth programs and services, including the Neighborhood Planning Councils, from the Office of Youth Opportunity Services to the Department of Recreation, and to create an Office of Youth Advocacy which would review and evaluate existing youth services and programs.

Copies of this proposed legislation are available from the Legislative Support Unit, Room 221, the District Building, or by calling 724-8050 or 724-8051.

Additional information concerning the roundtable discussion may be obtained by calling Ms. Patricia Miner at 724-8014.

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

District Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 724-8000

To Rev. Jerry Moore, Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Environment

From Julius W. Hobson, Councilman at Large

Date June 1, 1976

Subject D.C. Clean Indoor Air Act

Would you please advise me on the status of the D.C. Clean Indoor Air Act referred to your Committee on November 4, 1975? I would like to see the bill considered before the August recess and would appreciate any reassurance that you could give me that this will be possible. I am sure you are aware there is considerable community interest in this bill.